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SUBJECT: MODE-ASSIGNMENT OF DOD/DFSC EMPLOYEE - COATZACOALCOS

1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE DEFENSE FUEL SUPPLY CENTER (DFSC), A SUB-ELEMENT OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, CAMERON STATION, ALEXANDRIA, VA., TELEPHONED BUREAU JULY 19 TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT DFSC ANTICIPATES ASSIGNING A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF DOD TO NORTH COAST PORT OF COATZACOALCOS WITHIN 120 DAYS. EMPLOYEE, NOW BEING RECRUITED, WILL BE ASSIGNED AS QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALISTS AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING AND ACCEPTING CRUDE OIL FROM PAJARITOS REFINERY FOR USG; EXAMINING TANKERS AND SUPERVISING LOADING OF TANKERS DFSC INDICATES THAT TANKERS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOUND FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SALT DOME STORAGE REERVIORS IN SOUTHERN US, WILL SOON NUMBER 5-6 PER MONT.. QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR 3-YEAR TOD, REPLACING TDY HERSONNEL WHO HERETOFORE MONITORED DOLS. 259 MILLION USG CONTRACT WITH TENEX. FYI: DOD HAS ESTABLISHED SIMILAR POSITIONS IN CURACAO, ARUBA, PUERTO RICO

AND ST. CROIX AND IS IN PROCESS OF DOING SAME IN TRINIDAD. IN MEXICO, ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A POSITION REQUIRED FORMAL CONSULTATION WITH C IEF O MISSION AND MODE APPROVAL IN WASHINGTON.

- 2. DFSC IS ANXIOUS THAT QUARTERS ALLOWANCE BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE EMPLOYEE'S ARRIVAL, IF POSSIBLE, AS QUARTERS COSTS WILL FAR EXCEED ALLOWANCES ESTABLISHED IN SR FOR UNLISTED POSTS IN MEXICO. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A/ALS WITH ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME O; QUARTERS COSTS IN COATZACOALCOS SO THAT TEMPORARY RATES MAY BE SET. DOD DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE.
- 3. WOULD APPICIATEE COM'S COMMENTS ON DOD PROHOSAL IF EMBASSY REQUIRES FURTHER INFO ON SUBJECT ASSIGNMENT, ADVISE ARA/MGT. VANCE

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